# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2969
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ACTIVITIES OF LTTE
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some bags of aluminium ingots meant to be sent to Sri Lanka were seized by the Tamil Nadu police;

(b) if so, whether an LTTE boat with substantial quantity of high power explosives was destroyed in the high seas of Chennai;

(c) if so, the details in this regard;

(d) whether Tamil Nadu is becoming a haven for the LTTE; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to eliminate the operation and support of LTTE in Tamil Nadu?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) : As per available information, aluminium alloy bars, meant to be sent to Sri Lanka have been intercepted by Indian Naval Detachment, in two incidents during February, 2007.

(b)&(c) : The Indian Coast Guard intercepted a sea boat belonging to LTTE, with five crew-Arms and ammunition were recovered. Interrogation of the arrested persons revealed that the boat was lined with concealed explosives. As it was not possible to take out the explosives safely, the same were detonated along with the boat in the high sea off the Chennai coast.

(d) : A large number of Sri Lankan refugees have been staying in Tamil Nadu, in view of disturbed conditions in Sri Lanka. It may not be correct to say that Tamil Nadu is becoming haven for the LTTE.

(e) : The State Government has taken legal action against the LTTE elements and others in all cases of illegal activities, and offenders have been booked under the relevant law(s). The Indian Coast Guard and Navy have also intensified patrolling along the Tamil Nadu coast.